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SUBJ: FAO 48TH CCP: U.S. DELEGATION POSITION PAPER ITEM 9

FROM OLSON FOR FINDLEN USDA/IOS

1. IN THIS MESSAGE IS TO CONVEY CLEARANCE FOR POSTION PAPER ON ITEM 9, 48TH CCP. HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS YOU MAY WISH TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION IN FINAL DRAFT.

2. TOTALS FOR PROGRAM 2.5.3.1. SHOWN IN ANNEX I AS 554,284. TOTAL FOR SAME PROGRAM ANNEX IIB SHOWN AS 554,286.

3. THIS DOCUMENT SHOWS ADJUSTED BUDGET FOR 1972/73 OF \$4,128,297. TOTAL FIGURE 1972/73 BUDGET PRESENTED TO 47TH IGC WAS \$3,989,000. HOW COME THE DIFFERENCE,

4. THE PROGRAM TOTALS FOR SEPARATE PROGRAMS SHOWN ON PAGE 6 DRAFT POSITION PAPER SHOW TWO RADICAL DEPARTURES FROM THOSE PROPOSED AT 47TH CCP: BUDGET FOR PROGRAM 2.5.1.3 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS ALMOST FOUR TIMES PREVIOUS BIENNIUM BEFORE COST INCREASES; BUDGET FOR PROGRAM 2.5.3.2 INTERNATIONAL ACTION IS DOUBLE PREVIOUS BIENNIUM BEFORE COST INCREASES. WHILE U.S. HAS AGREED BOTH AREAS ARE TOP PRIORITY, DOES FAO ADEQUATELY EXPLAIN 400 AND 200 PERCENT INCREASES.

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5. THE 1974/75 COMMODITY BUDGET INCREASE (COMPARED \$3,989,000

FIGURE) IS 29 PERCENT. THIS DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FACT THAT MEDIUM TERM PLAN CONSTING \$179,430 DURING PREVIOUS BIENNIUM WAS DROPPED FROM THE NEW BUDGET. COMPARING PROPOSED BUDGET TO PREVIOUS BUDGET REDUCED BY THAT AMOUNT RAISES PERCENTAGE INCREASE EVEN HIGHER.

6. THE ARGUMENT RE THESE ITEMS IS NOT NECESSARILY ONE OF DOLLARS AND CENTS BUT RATHER OF GETTING ORGANIZATION TO EXPLAIN PRIORITIES AND INCREASES BETTER THAN THEY HAVE. FORTY-SEVENTH CCP REQUESTED MORE EXPLANATION OF WORK BY SUB PROGRAM. DOCUMENT 73/14 ATTEMPTS TO DO THIS BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE DATA ON SPECIFIC COSTS OR TRANSFERS BETWEEN SUB PROGRAMS TO ACCOUNT FOR PROGRAM INCREASES.BEAUDRY

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